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FOLLOWING REPEAT ANKARA 3418 ACTION STATE 6 MAY 1974. QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 3418

FOR LEWIS HOFFACKER, S/CCT, FROM AMBASSADOR MACOMBER

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SUBJECT: TERRORISM COURSES FOR CENTO REPS

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1. YOUR SUGGESTION PARA 2 REF IS AN EXCELLENT ONE AND FITS IN VERY WELL WITH OUT THINKING HERE. AS YOU KNOW DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN TEHRAN A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED TO INCREASE ACTIVITY BY THE CSO IN THE COUNTER-SUBVERSION FIELD. THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES WAS AUTHORIZED TO STUDY THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGIONAL COUNTRIES FOR EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND GREATER EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND TAKE CUSH DECISIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED ON WAYS TO MEET THESE NEEDS. THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES IN ANKARA DECIDED TO SET UP AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO STUDY REQUIREMENTS AND TO DETERMINE METHODS TO PROVIDE THEM FOR REGIONAL COUNTRIES.

2. EXTENSIVE REQUIREMENTS WERE QUICKLY FORTHCOMING FROM THE
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REGIONALS. HOWEVER, AT THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP MEETINGS THE

U.S. NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE HAS ONLY BEEN AUTHORIZED TO OFFER AN INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH SOME TRAINING TO THE CSO STAFF IN COLLATION, ANALYSIS AND UTILIZATION OF INFORMATION. I FEEL THAT USG SHOULD BE MORE FORTHCOMING AND YOUR SUGGESTION IS A POSITIVE STEP IN THIS DIRECTION. IT IS DEFINITELY WORTH PURSUING AND I AM QUITE CONFIDENT THE PROPOSAL WILL FIND READY ACCEPTANCE FROM THE REGIONALS.

3. THE U.K. HAS ALREADY OFFERED INTEGRATED COURSES FOR UP TO THREE OFFICERS FROM EACH REGIONAL COUNTRY IN ALL ASPECTS OF COUNTER-SUBVERSION, INCLUDING VISITS TO A SCHOOL NEAR LONDON WHICH TEACHES METHODS TO COMBAT TERRORISM. FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH THE BRITISH WE ANTICIPATE THEY WILL WELCOME OUR PARTICIPATION AND BOTH THEY AND WE FEEL DUPLICATION IS NO PROBLEM.

4. I WOULD AMEND YOUR PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH REGIONAL AND IF POSSIBLE WORK A COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE COURSE INTO THE PACKAGE. BASICALLY, TERRORISM AND SUBVERSION ARE INTERRELATED AND SUCH A MEANINGFUL COURSE, OR SERIES OF COURSES, WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO REGIONALS AS WELL AS IN INTEREST OF USG. IT WILL ALSO REAFFIRM OUR INTEREST IN CENTO IN RATHER VIVID FASHION.

5. I SHOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT WITH THE TERMINATION OF AID'S PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM IN THE REGION, A REINTRODUCTION OF TRAINING AT THE POLICE ACADEMY, EVEN UNDER A CENTO LABEL, MAY WELL PRESENT THAT AGENCY WITH A PROBLEM. ALSO IT WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE TO EXPECT TO FUND THESE ACTIVITIES FROM RESOURCES PRESUMABLY MADE AVAILABLE BY AID TO CENTO'S ECONOMIC PROGRAMS.

6. IF THIS PROGRAM IS APPROVED, FURTHER THOUGHT MUST THEN BE GIVEN TO MANNER IN WHICH IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AND ADMINISTERED BY CENTO SECRETARIAT, POSSIBLY BY NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAT.

7. WITH ABOVE IN MIND I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD MOVE AHEAD ON THIS PROPOSAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP A PACKAGE, AS ENVISIONED, IN TIME FOR PRESENTATION AT WASHINGTON MINISTERIAL THIS MONTH. IF POSSIBLE, I BELIEVE THE USG SHOULD SOMEHOW PICK UP THE COMPLETE TAB. IF THIS IS NOT FEASIBLE, WE SHOULD REQUEST NO MORE THAN AIR FARE FROM THE REGIONALS.
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